

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

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STRIKE 3 HOLDINGS, LLC,	:	22cv6382 (DLC)
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Plaintiff,	:	<u>ORDER</u>
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JOHN DOE subscriber assigned IP	:	
address 98.13.193.20,	:	
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Defendant.	:	
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DENISE COTE, District Judge:

Plaintiff Strike 3 Holdings, LLC seeks to serve a subpoena on Spectrum, an internet service provider ("ISP"), in order to ascertain the identity of the John Doe defendant in this case. Plaintiff has made out a prima facie claim of copyright infringement and is entitled to serve a subpoena on Spectrum in order to ascertain the identity of the defendant. The Court also concludes that there is good cause to issue a protective order in connection with this subpoena in light of the risk for false positive identifications that could result in "annoyance, embarrassment, oppression, or undue burden or expense." Fed. R. Civ. P. 26(c). Accordingly, it is hereby

ORDERED that Strike 3 Holdings, LLC may serve a Rule 45 subpoena on Spectrum, the ISP identified in its motion, to obtain information to identify John Doe, specifically her or his

true name and current and permanent address. Plaintiff shall not subpoena the ISP for John Doe's email addresses or telephone numbers. The subpoena shall have a copy of this Order attached, along with the attached "Notice to Defendant."

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Spectrum will have 60 days from the date of service of the Rule 45 subpoena upon them to serve John Doe with a copy of the subpoena, a copy of this Order, and a copy of the "Notice to Defendant." The Order should be attached to the "Notice to Defendant" such that the "Notice to Defendant" is the first page of the materials enclosed with the subpoena. Spectrum may serve John Doe using any reasonable means, including written notice sent to her or his last known address, transmitted either by first-class mail or via overnight service.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that John Doe shall have 30 days from the date of service of the Rule 45 subpoena and this Order upon her or him to file any motions with this Court contesting the subpoena (including a motion to quash or modify the subpoena), as well as any request to litigate the subpoena anonymously. Spectrum may not turn over John Doe's identifying information to Strike 3 Holdings, LLC before the expiration of this 30-day period. Additionally, if John Doe or Spectrum files a motion to quash the subpoena, Spectrum may not turn over any information to Strike 3 Holdings, LLC until the issues have been addressed

and the Court issues an Order instructing Spectrum to resume in turning over the requested discovery. John Doe, should he or she move to quash the subpoena or to proceed anonymously, shall at the same time as her or his filing also notify Spectrum so that it is on notice not to release any of John Doe's contact information to plaintiff until the Court rules on any such motions.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that if that 30-day period lapses without John Doe or Spectrum contesting the subpoena, Spectrum shall have 10 days to produce to the plaintiff the information responsive to the subpoena.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Spectrum shall preserve any subpoenaed information pending the resolution of any timely-filed motion to quash.


IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Spectrum shall confer with plaintiff and shall not assess any charge in advance of providing the information requested in the subpoena. Should Spectrum elect to charge for the costs of production, it shall provide a billing summary and cost report to the plaintiff.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Strike 3 Holdings, LLC shall serve a copy of this Order along with any subpoenas issued pursuant to this Order to Spectrum.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that any information ultimately disclosed to Strike 3 Holdings, LLC in response to a Rule 45

subpoena may be used by Strike 3 Holdings, LLC solely for the purpose of protecting Strike 3 Holdings, LLC's rights as set forth in its complaint.

Dated: New York, New York
August 25, 2022



DENISE COTE
United States District Judge